



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): William J. Slyne

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Title: PATTERN CUTTING

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Examiner: Minh Trinh

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

STATEMENT THAT THE ENTIRE DELAY WAS UNINTENTIONAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

The following statements establishing the unintentional delay are made based on discussions with Mr. William J. Slyne.

1. Mr. Slyne is a Canadian citizen and resident.
2. Mr. Slyne is the named inventor of the present application. Further, he is President and Chief Executive Officer of the four-employee corporation in Canada that uses the technology described and claimed in the application.
3. When he received the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001 in connection with this application, Mr. Slyne was disappointed and frustrated with the patent process but not with his intent to proceed. He subsequently decided that a new patent attorney might be helpful to resolve the seeming gridlock.
4. In November 2001, Mr. Slyne contacted attorney Donald Cameron with Aird & Berlis, LLP in Toronto regarding this matter. Since Mr. Cameron is not a patent attorney, he referred Mr. Slyne to Valerie Edwards at Aird & Berlis in

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December 2001. It then took several weeks and letters to have his patent application files transferred from prior counsel to Aird & Berlis.

5. At the end of February or early March 2002, Valerie Edwards contacted the undersigned regarding prosecution of the present U.S. patent application. At that time, Mr. Slyne learned for the first time of the abandonment of the application. He also learned of the possibility of revival of the application, although no immediate urgency was noted at that time.

6. In the Spring of 2002, Mr. Slyne became very involved with other matters at his home and office. His production manager resigned and had to be replaced. His wife gave birth to their second child. And specifically on the patent front, he was very involved with patent issues relating to a different application on a different technology.

7. When he focused on the present application in June, Mr. Slyne specifically asked if there was a deadline for a petition for revival. He was advised that there was no statutory deadline, but there was a need to move forward with a petition for revival "the sooner the better".

8. Since his inquiry in June, Mr. Slyne has retained the undersigned to represent him in this case. The papers associated with the present petition have been discussed, prepared and filed promptly.

9. The entire delay in filing the Reply and the Petition for Revival has been unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2127.

Respectfully Submitted,

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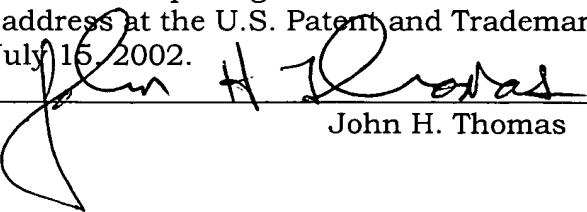
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